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report on an NGO school for women of the Czechoslovak Air Force at Zamberk (N 50-06, E 16-28). The report includes a sketch showing the location of the school. 25X1

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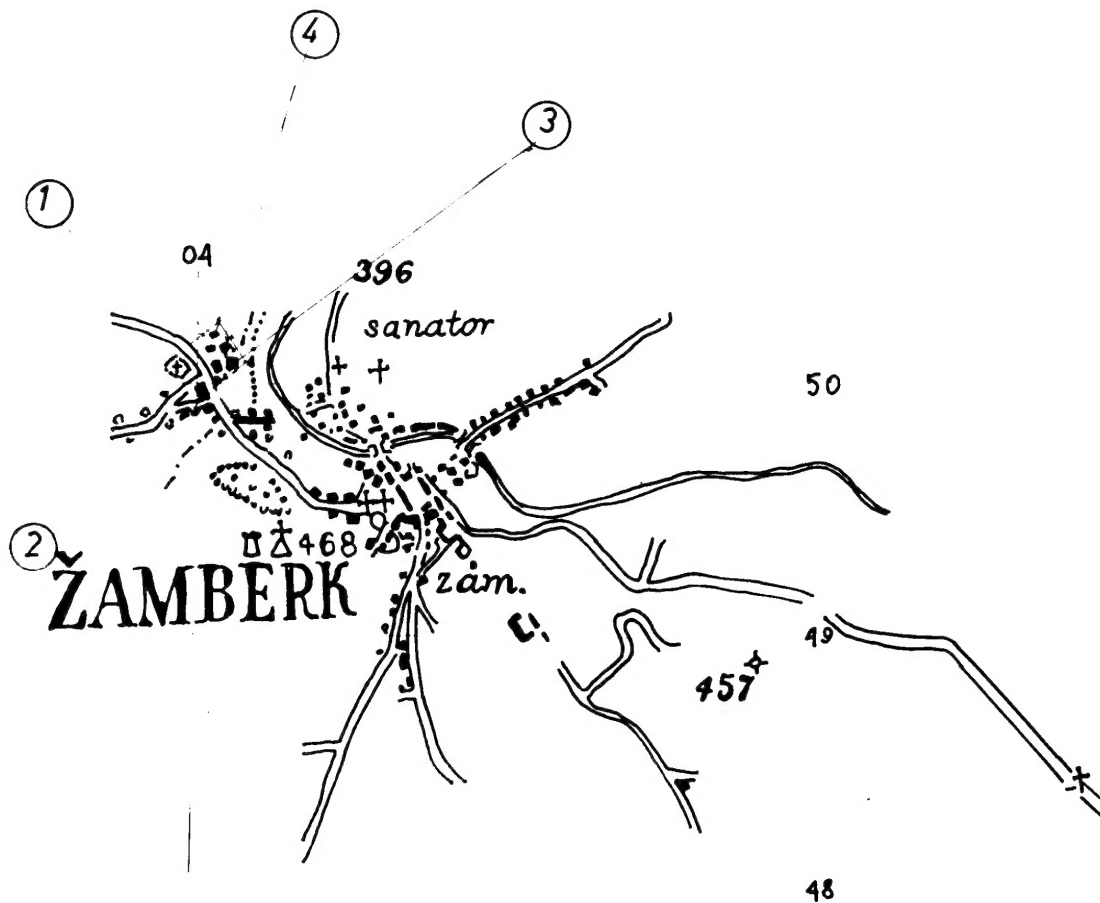
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1. The school for women Air Force NCOs is in a Barracks building known as the Podorlicka Kasarna, built before 1938. The School moved into the Barracks in about 1953.
2. Location: The school is on the north-west edge of Zamberk, at the cross-roads of the Helvikovice and Podpluzi roads on the east side of the Zamberk-Helvikovice road. There is a cemetery on the west side of the road.
3. a) The course lasts one year, and always begins on 1st September.
b) The strength is estimated to be about up to a regiment, i.e. 600-700 women.
c) The course is intended for ground staff and flying personnel. After the examinations, candidates suitable for flying and navigating are chosen.
d) During 1953-4 and 1955 those attending the school wore blue air force uniforms with blue epaulettes with black borders and a wing badge.
e) In addition to those attending the NCOs school, during 1954-55, small groups of those attending Air Force Academy were seen in blue uniforms with silver borders and a silver "V". There were also first-year male academicians in khaki uniform, with blue facings, and wearing peaked caps, probably belonged to the technical branch. The number of students, male and female did not exceed 30.
f) About July 1955, some NCOs who formerly wore blue uniform were seen in khaki uniform with blue facings.
g) From September until about Christmas, there was a detachment of male guards doing duty at the school. After this, the NCOs carry out the guard duties themselves.

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Layout of the barracks:

The Barracks are oblong, extending about 100 meters along the road.

1. Fence, metal posts on a concrete base.
2. Entrance, on the south-west corner.
3. Two-storeyed buildings, two, on the South side of the Barracks, about 40-50 meters long, housing-billets.
4. Row of classrooms and garages on the north and east sides of the Barracks, the garages are ground-floor only, and the classrooms ground-floor and one-storeyed.